

Millennium Challenge Corporation

Reducing Poverty Through Growth

Urban Planner/Municipal Governance Consultant – Infrastructure/Land Management/Urban and Institutional Development, Department of Operations

The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) is a new U.S. Government corporation whose mission is to provide assistance that will support economic growth and poverty reduction in carefully selected developing countries that demonstrate a commitment to just and democratic governance, economic freedom, and investments in their citizenry. For more information on the MCC, please visit www.mcc.gov.

MCC will be providing development grants to a number of low-income nations around the world that have satisfied the eligibility criteria for participation in the program. Key MCC operating principles relating to the award of grants include emphasis on high economic impact projects, reward for performance, partnership with recipient countries, and focus on results. Eligible countries develop and submit proposals to MCC for its consideration.

Included within the proposal from any given country may be one or more projects or activities related to urban development or requiring improved local government services. To carry out its operational mandate, MCC seeks the services of experienced Urban Planner/Municipal Governance Consultants (“Designated Consultants”) to assist MCC in conducting technical due diligence of such projects or activities and/or assisting client countries in further developing or refining projects proposed for assistance. Once a project has been approved and a funding commitment extended, further assistance may be requested from such Designated Consultants in monitoring project implementation and/or to periodically review and evaluate project sustainability, performance and impacts.

Ideal candidates will have both educational and professional experience in urban planning and municipal/local government strengthening experience working in developing countries, and excellent oral and written communication skills. Specific qualifications should include at least 10 years relevant experience in: “

- Supporting local governments in coordinating the planning and implementation of municipal infrastructure, including but not limited to: potable water supply and distribution systems; wastewater treatment plants; sanitation facility planning; solid waste management; housing; and other social infrastructure (health centers, schools, etc.).
- Providing technical assistance and capacity building to improve the delivery and maintenance of municipal service systems, including but not limited to: legal/regulatory reform; financing mechanisms; private sector participation; and public works management.

- Managing system operations and implementing operation and maintenance cost recovery practices (such as tariffs and the enterprise concept).
- Evaluating municipal land management laws and zoning regulations, as well as experience in planning new site development while managing current development pressures.

The persons selected must be skilled in performing project analysis and appraisal, with an ability to identify the essential risks and issues of concern to a funding entity. Moreover, the persons selected must have the ability to identify implementation risks and appropriate mitigation measures. Designated Consultants must have the ability to brief high-level U.S. and foreign government officials on critical technical matters and would be expected to coordinate with local authorities responsible for MCC Compact development as well as other donors, where relevant.

Travel to foreign countries will likely be required; thus, international experience, especially in developing countries, is highly desirable, as are language skills (common working languages are French, Spanish, and Portuguese; others may be relevant as well). Designated Consultants may be requested to mobilize on short notice and will be expected to deliver high quality finished products in a timely manner.

MCC is currently seeking consultants for work in Senegal and Mongolia and candidates with familiarity with similar legal and social contexts will be preferred. However, MCC will maintain a roster of additional candidates as it expects to need consultants in urban development/local government for work in other countries as well.

This announcement is not restricted to U.S. citizens. Persons will be selected by MCC and contracted through a third party who will handle payrolling and administration for all Designated Consultants. Individual assignments could range from a few days to 12 months in duration. Compensation will be based on experience. The MCC will select multiple sources to provide these services. There will be no commitment to a minimum or maximum amount of work after the award of a contract.

Interested parties should submit by email to recruitment@mcc.gov the following package: a resume (5 page limit) and a brief cover letter 1) describing areas of expertise 2) indicating the specific sector(s) of expertise, 3) containing three professional references, and 4) proposing consultancy rates on an hourly basis to include salary history during the past 3 years. Please include "DO-UP" in the subject line of your email and indicate the publication wherein you saw the advertisement. This announcement is open through November 30, 2006.